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of State, and the tongue of malice has never dared to charge him with the misapplication of a single dollar. On one occasion, after settling his account as speaker, at the treasury, which he invariably did at the termination of every session, it appeared that there stood to his credit in the bank where he transacted his business, a sum of \$50,000 dollars.

He stated to the Secretary of the Treasury that there must be some mistake, but he was confidently assured that there was none.

He said that he was equally confident that he had no such amount of money and requested a further and more careful examination, upon which the fact was discovered that the treasury had neglected to charge him with a warrant of \$50,000 dollars. How admirably does this honorable and upright course contrast with the speculation, frauds, and delinquency which have characterized the conduct of so many public servants during the last fifteen years! Perhaps no man ever lived who has been so often appointed an executor of deceased persons as Mr. Clay has been, and that by persons in various conditions of life; and such has been the confidence reposed in his judgment, honor, probity and capacity for business, that the testators who appointed him, almost always dispensed with the surety, which, without such dispensation, the law exacts.

He has been charged with being addicted to gambling, and foul and opprobrious epithets have been applied to him. Mr. Clay, at no period of his life, ever so far forgot the respect due to himself, as to associate with professional gamblers or attend their public tables. For upwards of thirty years he has played at no game of hazard whatever.

When fatigued and oppressed by care and business, if he has sought any recreation, it has been at chess, or whist, of late years, he more rarely than ever indulges in. He has resided a period of upwards of thirty-five years at Ashland, and we have it from the most undoubted sources, that a game of cards was never played at his house with his knowledge.

He has the highest respect and greatest deference for religion and its ministers; and we believe that there is not a clergyman who knows him that does not cherish towards him cordial esteem and regard. On the memorable occasion last fall, of the great discussion between the Rev. Messrs. Campbell and Rice, Mr. Clay, by common consent, was selected to preside at the public meeting. He has contributed with as much liberality as he could, to the building, we believe, of every church, or house of divine worship that has been erected during his abode in or near Lexington, of which there have been many. He has always held a pew in the Episcopal church in this city, of which his lady is a communicant, and he generally attends divine service on the Sabbath, when at home. No man in the community displays more public spirit, or is more ready to second and succor all objects of public improvement and enterprise. As a farmer, he is conspicuous in all the departments of his vocation, but especially in the improvement of the breeds of all domestic animals. Nor is there any one whose heart is more afflicted by cases of affliction or misfortune, or whose purse is more open to relieve the distressed.

Such is the individual upon whose head bitter, malignant and vindictive enemies are constantly pouring out torrents of vile abuse and calumny. But, to use his own emphatic language, "truth is omnipotent, and public justice is certain." The universal shouts of his countrymen have already proclaimed, in tones of thunder, his innocence and his vindication; and if it shall please God to spare his valuable life, a glorious triumph awaits him in November next, as honorable to their hearts as it is justly merited by long, faithful, and signal services to his country.

COL. POLK AND SOME OF HIS VOTES.
On the passage of the bills, March 13, 1828, for the relief of surviving officers of the revolutionary war, Mr. Polk voted IN THE NEGATIVE. Cong. Deb. vol. 4, part 2, page 2,670. March 18, 1830, he voted AGAINST the revolutionary pension bill. Same, vol. 6, part 1, page 629.

March 19, "Mr. Polk spoke some time against it.—Same, page 635.

February 17, 1831, he voted against the bill for the relief of revolutionary soldiers.—Same, vol. 7, page 730.

May 2, 1822, he voted against the revolutionary pension bill.—Same vol. 8, part 2 page 2,713.

On the 13th May 1831, Mr. Mercer introduced the following benevolent resolution.

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to renew and to prosecute, from time to time, such negotiations with the several maritime powers of Europe and America as he may deem expedient FOR THE EFFECTUAL ABOLITION OF THE AFRICAN SLAVE TRADE, and its ultimate denunciation as PIRACY, under the laws of nations, by the consent of the civilized world.

On passing this resolution the ayes were 118, noes 32. Mr. Polk VOTED IN THE NEGATIVE. Cong. Deb. vol. 7, page 850.

ETERNITY.—The word always means from everlasting to everlasting, through all eternity, and clear into the middle of forever and ever.—Dow Jr.

A SIGN IN THE OLD DOMINION.

The Richmond Whig has the following notice of an important accession to the Whig cause:—(Nashville Banner.)

"Mr. Shinn, the Senator from the Harrison District, and for many years a leading Democrat in that region, has in an address to the public, avowed his opposition to Polk and Dallas, and his determination to vote for Mr. Clay. Mr. Van Buren was his first choice; but that gentleman having been cheated out of his nomination by intrigue and management, and by Delegates disobeying the instructions of their constituents, Mr. Shinn takes the second best—Henry Clay.

"We note this as a sign of the tendency of popular feeling in the north-west part of the State—a region deeply interested in a stable system of protection to domestic industry. We shall not be surprised to see the great body of the people of that region follow the lead of Mr. Shinn.

The honest democracy and their principles is thus decreed by the Greensborough Patriot.

The entire democratic creed—sub-treasury, free trade, and every thing else—is stewed down to one point of immediate re-annexation! The leaders of the party have made the grand discovery, that this contains the cream and flower, quintessence of all democracy. 'Cause why? There is nothing else which furnishes the most forlorn hope of securing yet a little longer in their hands the sweet "spoils" of office!

For the first time since Captain Tyler's round of Vetoes, we at present indulge a sentiment of pity for him. His democratic friends seem determined with one accord, to deprive him of the benefit of his discovery.

No sooner does he get a "glorious nibble" at his Texas bait than all the democratic anglers throw their hooks into the same place, to catch his fish! This is ungenerous. The Captain has reason to lament in the pathetic words of the poet—

THE VOICE OF AN OPPONENT.

Concerning Henry Clay, we copy the following remark of the editor of the Stockbridge Visiter, an out-and-out Polk and Dallas paper:

"Every party has the misfortune to have attached to it a certain class of politicians, who, at the commencement of a campaign, con over the vocabulary of abuse—carefully select every vile epithet, that they may apply them to the opposing candidates. None are more lavish of abuse than those who are apostates to the very party upon whose nominees the filth is thrown. Our party is blessed with no small number of this kind of politicians.

"Now that the presidential campaign is commenced one can scarcely go amiss of the exhibition of this class of politicians. We see, in one place, paraded some 'naughty' things said of Henry Clay in the heat of passion. In another place, he is styled 'a demagogue'; in another still, 'a rake and debauchee.' One cries out a 'gambler and a horse racer'—a second, a rascal—a third, a Sabbath-breaker,—a fourth, a 'profane swearer,—a fifth, a 'slave holder'—a sixth, 'duellist,' and until the whole vocabulary is exhausted, and these epithets, in five cases out of seven, are applied by persons guilty of the acts of which they accuse others; and who have heretofore been most lavish of praise of the men whom they now imagine they most unmercifully abuse.

"Henry Clay is a gallant fellow. He is a whole-souled, whole-hearted man. A man who never betrayed a friend, or flinched for foe. He is a whig every inch of him. He is just such an opponent as we like. We always know exactly where to find him. About him there is no dodging. He is a whig to the backbone. He is one of those men who will never consent to fight under false colors.—One of those men whom if we defeat, there is some honor in defeating him, and if our candidate is defeated, he is defeated by an honorable opponent."

A PREDICTION.—Mr. Butler, in his speech to the Loco Foco Convention, made the following prediction:

"Mr. Butler predicted if the rule should be carried, the dismemberment and final breaking up of the party. If people persisted in going for men and not measures, a black flag would be hung over them, the pall of death would shroud their hopes, and a funeral dirge might be sung!"

Judge McKINLEY, formerly a Loco Foco United States Senator from Alabama and now Judge of the Supreme Court of the United States, and a resident of this city, is in favor of Mr. Clay. He thinks that Mr. Clay's election to the Presidency is demanded by the great interest of the country.—Louisville Journal.

All doubt respecting the acceptance of the office of Secretary of the Treasury by Chancellor BROWN, of Kentucky, is ended by his arrival in this city last evening.—N. Int. July 3.

FROM THE SOUTHERN WHIG.

We publish below a letter from our fair correspondent, "Carolina," addressed to Mr. Clay during his stay in Columbus, enclosing the lines which follow, written by her on the occasion of the visit of that great Statesman to the South. His note in acknowledgement of the honor conferred will also be found in its proper place.

Although we do not conceive this to be superior to many other productions which have emanated from our correspondent, it is nevertheless highly creditable to her talents and patriotism; and, as every one doubtless would like to know the name of a whig so good, so true and fair, we take the liberty of giving that of Miss HENRY ANN CAROLINA CAPERS, as the authoress of the following lines, and others which have occasionally appeared in our columns over the signature of "Carolina."

TO THE HON. H. CLAY.
Honored Sir: Circumstances beyond my control preclude the possibility of my enjoying the felicity of seeing you during your stay in Columbus; I therefore crave your acceptance of the following spontaneous effusion of a heart that is warm in the glorious cause you have espoused and so nobly vindicated; and though language has failed in her effort to describe her great admiration of your profound wisdom, disinterested patriotism, unexampled virtue, she can only lay this feeble offering at the shrine of greatness, hoping that, as her song is simple, it will not offend, and that she may live to see the destiny of the Nation confided to those hands which are ever ready and willing to wield the sword of steel or eloquence, in defence of its sacred rights.

Accept, honored sir, the esteem and admiration of
CAROLINA.

VALPINE, Ala., March 9, 1844.

FROM THE AMERICAN EAGLE.

CHANGES! CHANGES!!
Show the eagle! beat the drum!
Trouble Polk! we come, we come!

Our opponents have a list of some dozen names which they are publishing and republishing in astounding capitals and flourishes as whig changes to Polk and Texas. Half of them, at least, have been proved to be false, by the signatures of the men themselves, who, becoming indignant at the foul imputation, have publicly denied the charge. Some of the loco presses publish them over every few days, transposing the names in different places to make them have the appearance of a new list. The list has not exceeded 30 names, we think, at the top, and our majority in 1840 was only 150,000. This does look dangerous, we must admit!

But, as we go along with this matter, let us gather a little string of honest locos, from among the thousands that are pouring into their country's whig army, and deserting "Polk and Texas." We have only been one half hour gathering the following from the papers received by one mail. They look a little encouraging to Polk and Texas, one would suppose, but over 'tother shoulder!

The Ohio State Journal says "The cry is, still they come! Every day brings intimations from every direction that the locofoco party is in a state of dissolution. In addition to the signs and omens heretofore given, we record the following:

The Genesee County (Michigan) Democrat, hitherto loco, has refused to support Polk and Texas, and has come out boldly for Clay and the tariff.

The Hagerstown (Md.) Herald of Freedom says that within the last few weeks several democrats have left the locofoco ranks and joined the Clay Club; among others, Anthony Campbell, Esq.

The Norristown (Pa.) Herald says that one of the secretaries of the locofoco convention, held at Harrisburg, which nominated H. A. Muhlenberg for Governor, has joined the Clay Club of that place.

The same number of the Journal contains the recantation of James Norberry, of Logan county, who has come out from the locofoco party, and is going it strong for Clay and protection.

The Dayton Journal, received yesterday, contains the renunciation of Wm. McCaully, Jacob Wagner, Henry M. Good and R. D. Elkins, all of Montgomery county, who prefer Clay and the United States, to Polk and Texas.

We hear of 17 changes, the right way, in the southern part of Warren county, and a highly influential democrat, from the northern part of the same county, told us, a few days since, that he and his democratic neighbor had resolved to vote the Clay ticket.

We hear from the Chronicle of last evening, that Mr. Shinn, a member of the Virginia Senate, from the counties of Harrison, Wood, &c., appears in the Clarksborough Gazette, with a letter to his constituents. He was a locofoco, and now gives his reasons why he cannot support Mr. Polk, and why he will support Mr. Clay.

Mr. Shinn's accession to the whigs is valuable, because he has a vote in the State Senate, and because he has influence with the people.

A gentleman from Virginia informs us that 16 locofocos joined the Whig Club at Parkersburg the other day.

Two locofocos joined the New Albany Clay Club at its last meeting, on the evening of the 21st. One of them, Mr. Beers, set forth in forcible speech, his reasons for abandoning his party.

The Clay club at Charlestown, Indiana, was also joined by two locofocos at its last meeting.

A locofoco meeting was held in Lyons, Wayne county, N. Y., of those of that party who are against Polk and Texas, and the call for the meeting was signed by twenty-seven of the party.

The Eaton (O.) Register contains account of a spirited Whig meeting held in that town on the 18th inst. The meeting was addressed by several gentlemen, among others by Mr. C. F. Demsey, who has been heretofore one of the main pillars of locofocoism in that county. But like hundreds of other locofocos in the State, he came to the Whig and the British Tariff.

The following, from the North Carolina Statesman, shows a change of twenty-seven locofocos in North Carolina in the last week; and this, it is said, is but the tip of the iceberg of the locofoco army.

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